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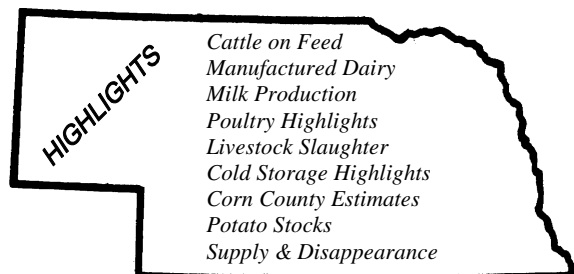
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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 2%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.35 million cattle on feed on April 1. This inventory was up 2% from last year and 8% above April 1, 1999. Placements during March totaled 320,000 head, down 20% from last year and 16% below two years ago. Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 335,000 head, down 14% from last year and 4% below two years ago. Other disappearance during March totaled 15,000 head, compared with 10,000 head during March 2000 and 10,000 head during March 1999.

7 STATES AND U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle on feed April 1, 2001, in the historic seven monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.86 million, up 3% from the previous year and 11% above April 1, 1999. During March, placements were down 11% and marketings were down 9% from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.52 million head on April 1, 2001. During march, placements were down 9% and marketings were down 6% from a year ago.

CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE

STATE	APRIL 1 NUMBER ON FEED 1/			MARCH PLACEMENTS			MARCH MARKETINGS			MARCH OTHER DISAPPEAR. 2/		
	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000	2000	2001	<u>2001</u> 2000
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	273	309	113	30	29	97	27	22	81	5	5	100
California* .	405	435	107	59	65	110	51	56	110	8	14	175
Colorado* . .	1,190	1,190	100	270	230	85	250	220	88	10	10	100
Idaho	320	330	103	69	72	104	47	61	130	7	1	14
Iowa*	375	385	103	57	46	81	56	45	80	1	1	100
Kansas* . . .	2,280	2,460	108	400	395	99	420	385	92	20	20	100
Nebraska* .	2,310	2,350	102	400	320	80	390	335	86	10	15	150
New Mexico	93	97	104	13	10	77	22	20	91	3	4	133
Oklahoma . .	380	370	97	73	66	90	87	83	95	6	3	50
So. Dakota .	200	215	108	34	43	126	32	32	100	2	3	150
Texas*	2,760	2,730	99	520	455	88	570	550	96	20	15	75
Washington	211	257	122	48	53	110	41	40	98	6	1	17
Other Sts . .	405	395	98	58	68	117	63	77	122	5	6	120
U.S.	11,202	11,523	103	2,031	1,852	91	2,056	1,926	94	103	98	95

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. *Historic 7 States.

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COMMODITY	WEST NORTH CENTRAL REGION			UNITED STATES		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	1,000 pounds			1,000 pounds		
Total Cheese <u>1/</u>	1,292,457	1,344,773	1,338,735	7,492,119	7,894,100	8,254,517
American Type Cheese	800,892	895,038	895,814	3,314,652	3,532,605	3,633,919
Total Italian Cheese	265,599	243,293	247,365	3,004,715	3,144,727	3,310,953
Cottage Cheese						
Creamed <u>2/</u>	39,248	44,989	48,046	366,761	360,551	372,051
Curd <u>3/</u>	44,724	50,269	53,088	465,759	464,785	463,348
Lowfat <u>4/</u>	35,328	40,318	44,270	361,246	359,315	364,252
FROZEN PRODUCTS AND MIX	1,000 gallons			1,000 gallons		
Ice Cream	135,858	124,702	142,753	935,080	972,210	969,742
Ice Cream Mix	71,529	69,182	79,259	484,153	490,368	498,836
Yogurt Mix	10,830	13,387	13,856	60,779	57,899	51,511

1/ Excluding cottage cheese. 2/ Milkfat content 4% or more. 3/ Mostly used for processing into full creamed or lowfat cottage cheese; cottage cheese curd and creamed and lowfat cottage cheese should not be added together to obtain total production. 4/ Milkfat content less than 4.0 percent.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item & Quarter	NEBRASKA		20 STATES		UNITED STATES	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Milk cows <u>1/</u>	Thousand head					
January-March	75	77	7,769	7,769	9,188	9,155
Milk production <u>2/</u>	Million pounds					
January-March	309	295	36,640	35,577	42,630	41,326

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

POULTRY HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH

Item	2000	2001	2001 as % of '00
	Millions		Percent
No. of Layers			
NEBRASKA	11.8	11.6	99
30 States	310.6	315.5	102
U.S.	330.9	336.6	102
Eggs Produced			
NEBRASKA	253	256	101
30 States	6,788	6,872	101
U.S.	7,234	7,331	101
Chickens, U.S.			
Hatched, March			
Egg-type	38.9	40.1	103
Broiler	759.2	763.5	101
Hatched thru March			
Egg-type	107.7	116.3	108
Broiler	2,214.3	2,167.8	98

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

March 2001 output and changes from last year and last month are shown below. March 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 2001 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Saturdays.			
Item	Total 1/ (1,000)	Percent of	
		Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			
Cattle, head	594.1	93	108
Hogs, head	573.1	100	109
Sheep & Lambs, head	.1	100	
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	554.7	92	107
<u>UNITED STATES</u>			
Cattle, head	2,918.2	93	113
Calves, head	84.2	82	107
Hogs, head	8,326.7	94	110
Sheep & Lambs, head	326.4	94	133
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,781.3	93	111

1/ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

U.S. COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2001, were greater than the year earlier levels for fruit. Total red meat supplies in freezers were 7% below February 2001 and 15% below March 2000. Frozen pork stocks were 6% below last month and were 18% below last year. Total frozen poultry supplies were down 2% from last month and were 17% below last year's level. Stocks on March 31 for selected items and changes from last year and last month follow:

		Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001
Total red meats	790,800	85	93
Beef	329,428	87	91
Pork	438,372	82	94
Poultry	1,002,850	83	98
Turkey	353,597	90	106

Commodity	Stocks 1,000 lbs.	Percent of
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**Corn: Acreage, Yield and Production
by County and District, Nebraska, 2000¹**

County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production	County and District	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
Acres		Bushels			Acres		Bushels		
Banner	14,000	12,300	69.0	848,800	Butler	146,000	143,700	120.5	17,314,200
Box Butte	60,000	55,500	135.9	7,541,300	Cass	122,000	120,100	112.3	13,490,800
Cheyenne	34,000	28,800	98.8	2,846,200	Colfax	110,000	104,400	128.0	13,360,800
Dawes	5,000	4,100	87.3	358,000	Dodge	145,000	143,100	138.2	19,782,900
Deuel	31,000	27,900	83.6	2,332,000	Douglas	31,000	29,900	134.3	4,015,500
Garden	25,000	22,800	94.5	2,154,600	Hamilton	199,000	195,300	151.7	29,636,700
Kimball	21,000	18,300	70.5	1,290,700	Lancaster	122,000	119,900	104.1	12,479,500
Morrill	66,000	61,800	147.6	9,123,600	Merrick	130,000	127,700	133.1	16,999,600
Scotts Bluff	87,000	83,100	141.4	11,749,800	Nance	78,000	61,600	109.8	6,763,600
Sheridan	38,000	33,900	114.2	3,872,700	Platte	198,000	189,900	116.2	22,061,400
Sioux	14,000	12,500	144.8	1,810,200	Polk	125,000	121,000	123.5	14,947,400
Other counties					Sarpy	39,000	38,400	111.1	4,266,200
NORTHWEST	395,000	361,000	121.7	43,927,900	Saunders	177,000	174,200	122.2	21,280,000
Arthur	3,500	3,000	123.3	370,000	Seward	132,000	130,100	119.9	15,603,800
Blaine	5,000	4,000	129.2	516,800	Washington	85,000	83,200	129.8	10,803,400
Boyd	30,000	21,100	53.7	1,134,000	York	206,000	203,500	149.6	30,451,000
Brown	41,000	38,600	136.2	5,259,200	Other counties				
Cherry	14,000	11,300	136.6	1,544,100	EAST	2,045,000	1,986,000	127.5	253,256,800
Garfield	14,500	12,000	138.1	1,657,400	Chase	153,000	145,900	165.2	24,103,500
Grant					Dundy	86,000	76,300	150.9	11,512,900
Holt	151,000	140,500	158.8	22,310,000	Frontier	79,000	71,300	99.0	7,056,600
Hooker					Hayes	60,000	50,800	115.8	5,883,100
Keya Paha	11,000	7,400	109.7	812,000	Hitchcock	56,000	41,600	86.1	3,581,900
Logan	20,000	17,500	100.3	1,754,400	Keith	92,000	85,600	118.3	10,123,200
Loup	9,300	7,400	124.1	918,500	Lincoln	193,000	178,900	138.2	24,732,300
McPherson	3,500	2,500	136.0	340,000	Perkins	179,000	168,500	128.0	21,573,000
Rock	22,000	21,000	151.6	3,183,200	Red Willow	87,000	72,600	85.0	6,169,800
Thomas	600	400	116.3	46,500	Other counties				
Wheeler	34,000	29,500	127.5	3,761,300	SOUTHWEST	985,000	891,500	128.7	114,736,300
Other counties	600	300	106.7	32,000	Adams	173,000	169,200	146.5	24,786,000
NORTH	360,000	316,500	137.9	43,639,400	Franklin	78,000	76,400	139.8	10,676,900
Antelope	175,000	166,800	127.5	21,271,200	Furnas	88,000	79,900	93.6	7,478,700
Boone	162,000	154,600	119.3	18,445,600	Gosper	72,000	67,100	130.5	8,753,700
Burt	121,000	119,700	123.7	14,812,100	Harlan	75,000	70,500	113.2	7,983,000
Cedar	148,000	139,200	113.8	15,842,400	Kearney	167,000	162,100	159.0	25,775,100
Cuming	154,000	147,300	107.9	15,891,000	Phelps	175,000	168,000	153.6	25,796,400
Dakota	56,000	54,500	117.7	6,412,100	Webster	62,000	58,800	115.4	6,785,100
Dixon	83,000	80,900	111.6	9,024,900	Other counties				
Knox	119,000	108,800	100.0	10,874,700	SOUTH	890,000	852,000	138.5	118,034,900
Madison	134,000	127,800	104.2	13,312,800	Clay	143,000	137,800	144.3	19,886,000
Pierce	132,000	127,100	114.0	14,493,600	Fillmore	175,000	171,000	140.0	23,944,000
Stanton	80,000	75,000	117.0	8,778,000	Gage	107,000	103,900	97.6	10,142,500
Thurston	84,000	81,700	103.7	8,475,500	Gage	107,000	103,900	97.6	10,142,500
Wayne	107,000	100,100	88.6	8,873,800	Jefferson	74,000	71,900	102.0	7,331,800
Other counties					Johnson	35,000	34,600	84.9	2,936,400
NORTHEAST	1,555,000	1,483,500	112.2	166,507,700	Nemaha	80,000	78,100	105.1	8,205,200
Buffalo	199,000	192,900	149.6	28,849,400	Nuckolls	66,000	64,400	105.4	6,788,700
Custer	226,000	191,100	125.1	23,914,300	Otoe	116,000	114,300	105.6	12,069,500
Dawson	205,000	189,500	145.5	27,576,000	Pawnee	32,000	30,800	92.8	2,857,900
Greeley	70,000	65,100	117.6	7,652,800	Richardson	93,000	90,300	118.3	10,684,200
Hall	195,000	192,400	149.7	28,810,000	Saline	102,000	100,600	109.5	11,018,300
Howard	97,000	92,400	130.0	12,008,000	Thayer	112,000	110,300	119.5	13,186,100
Sherman	71,000	64,800	131.0	8,490,400	Other counties				
Valley	72,000	63,300	123.9	7,845,500	SOUTHEAST	1,135,000	1,108,000	116.5	129,050,600
Other counties					NEBRASKA	8,500,000	8,050,000	126.0	1,014,300,000
CENTRAL	1,135,000	1,051,500	138.0	145,146,400					

¹Missing data included in other counties, district and state totals.

FALL POTATO STOCKS

Potato stocks totaled a record high 154 million cwt. on April 1, 2000, up 20% from last year and 4% above the previous record set April 1, 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33% of the 2000 fall production, up 2% from a year ago. Disappearance, at a record high 308 million cwt, was up 5% from the last two years and 4% above the previous record set during the 1996 season. Processing accounted for 151 million cwt, up 1% from last year in comparable States. Shrink and loss, to this date, was 35.4 million cwt, up 31% from last year and 32% above two years ago. March processors used 19.9 million cwt of potatoes, down 5% from last year in comparable States.



2000 POTATO CROP

State	Production	Total Stocks Apr. 1, 2001
Thousand cwt.		
California	3,741	1,000
Colorado	27,972	10,300
Idaho	152,320	59,500
Maine	17,920	6,600
Michigan	14,963	1,500
Minnesota	21,240	8,100
Montana	3,503	2,150
NEBRASKA	10,127	1/ 1,930
New York	5,964	300
North Dakota	26,950	9,100
Ohio	1,134	1/
Oregon	30,683	13,600
Pennsylvania	3,510	300
Washington	108,000	33,000
Wisconsin	33,800	6,700
TOTAL 15 STATES	461,827	127,570

1/ Combined to prevent possible disclosure of individual operations

U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK

CROP YEAR	SUPPLY				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price	
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total			
					Primary Use 2/	Other					
Million bushels											\$/bu.
CORN:											
1998/99	9,759	1,308	19	11,085	5,471	1,846	1,981	9,298	1,787	1.94	
1999/00	9,431	1,787	15	11,232	5,664	1,913	1,937	9,515	1,718	1.82	
2000/01	9,968	1,718	10	11,696	5,825	1,970	1,950	9,745	1,951	1.80-1.90	
SOYBEANS:											
1998/99	2,741	200	3	2,944	1,590	201	805	2,595	348	4.93	
1999/00	2,654	348	4	3,006	1,579	164	973	2,716	290	4.63	
2000/01	2,770	290	3	3,063	1,590	183	990	2,763	300	4.45-4.55	
WHEAT:											
1998/99	2,547	722	103	3,373	910	475	1,385	2,427	946	2.65	
1999/00	2,299	946	95	3,339	925	376	1,300	2,390	950	2.48	
2000/01	2,223	950	90	3,263	950	384	1,334	2,434	829	2.60-2.70	
SORGHUM:											
1998/99	520	49	0	569	262	45	197	504	65	1.66	
1999/00	595	65	0	660	284	55	256	595	65	1.57	
2000/01	470	65	0	535	230	35	215	480	55	1.75-1.85	

* Projections for 1999 and 2000 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of April 10, 2001. Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. 2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

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